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Water testing shows little impact from Shipyard Spill

Initial test results of water quality show little effect from the waste water spill that occurred on Sept. 15 following heavy rains from Hurricane Ophelia.

Since Friday, water quality has been tested at five sites each day. Test sites at the bridge at the Pine Valley Golf Course and at the bridge on Holly Tree Road (just south of College Road) did indicate sewer contamination on Friday, the day after the spill. However, tests taken Saturday and Sunday show that water quality is back to what is typical following a hurricane. Samples are also being taken at the bridge on Greenville Loop Road that crosses Hewlett's Creek, but no significant contaminants have been found at that site, or at the other two sites the city tested. Further testing will be done today.

The city estimates that 905,000 gallons of waste water spilled as a result of a break in the pipe at 3810 Shipyard Boulevard. The 24-inch main pipe carries waste water from the Hewlett's Creek pump station into the Southside Waste Water Treatment Plant. Of the 905,000 gallons that spilled, approximately 155,000 gallons were pumped into tanker trucks to put back into the waste water system.

On Saturday, contracted crews completed the clean up of properties impacted by the spill.

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